

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~May 29th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3543COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT AIRBORNE NAVIGATION EQUIPMENTTO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANYMay 25th, 1959

Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey,
United Kingdom, United States.

Reference: COCOM 3510.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the United Kingdom proposal to export 10 automatic pilots and integrated flight systems to the Soviet Zone of Germany. He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate referred to paragraph 4 of his Memorandum, in which they reasons for submitting the request to the Committee were stated. The case could be considered as an ad hoc consultation of the Committee.

3. The GERMAN Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable. Since the aircraft in which it was intended to install the equipment were still at the development stage they considered that it was difficult to speak in definite terms of the end-use to which it would be put and they therefore felt that the statement "... it is not considered that diversion to military use is likely ..." did not apply in this case, especially in view of the considerable amount of equipment concerned.

4. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that the preliminary opinion of his authorities was that they were very sceptical about the possibility of approving the United Kingdom request. They had asked for certain additional information, including the names of manufacturers and more detailed specifications and the model numbers of the navigation equipment concerned, and when this was received his authorities would take it into consideration when formulating their final views. Commenting on the procedural aspect the Delegate said that he understood the United Kingdom to believe the approach logical in in so far as, from the common sense point of view, it was consistent with the Note to Item 1485(d). The deliberate exclusion of such equipment, when sold separately, from the exclusion clause of Item 1485(d) made it important to address a particular exceptions procedure or to provide the kind of justification necessary for an ad hoc case.

5. The JAPANESE Delegate said that he had been instructed to agree with the majority of the Committee.

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6. The TURKISH Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable but they would raise no objection if the United Kingdom request were approved unanimously.

7. The FRENCH Delegate said that the preliminary views of his authorities were not favourable since Item 1485(d) specifically stated that an automatic pilot must be exported in an aircraft. However, the whole question of spare parts was undergoing an intensive inter-departmental review at the present time and he would give the views of his authorities on June 4th.

8. The ITALIAN Delegate said that he had no final instructions as the whole case was under active study by a technical committee in Rome.

9. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 4th.

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